

S. RES. 490

Whereas the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) is widely recognized as one of the world's premier modern dance companies;

Whereas AAADT is dedicated to promoting the uniqueness of the African-American cultural experience, to preserving the heritage of modern dance, and to bringing modern dance to people around the globe;

Whereas, over its 50-year history, AAADT has performed for an estimated 21,000,000 people in 48 States and in 71 countries on 6 continents;

Whereas AAADT tours more than any other performing arts company in the world;

Whereas AAADT's signature work, "Revelations", has been seen by more people around the globe than any other work of dance;

Whereas AAADT performs works by both emerging and established choreographers from throughout the United States and the world;

Whereas AAADT's home in New York City, The Joan Weill Center for Dance, is the largest facility dedicated exclusively to dance in the United States;

Whereas Alvin Ailey, founder of AAADT, received the United Nations Peace Medal in 1982;

Whereas President George W. Bush recognized AAADT and Artistic Director Judith Jamison with the National Medal of Arts in 2001, making AAADT the first dance company to be so honored;

Whereas AAADT has performed for United States Presidents and foreign leaders throughout the company's 50-year history, including performances in 1968 for President Johnson, in 1977 at the inaugural gala for President Carter, in 1993 at the inaugural gala for President Clinton, and in 2003 at a state dinner honoring President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya;

Whereas, over the years, AAADT has brought the culture of the United States to audiences around the world with performances at such historic events as the Rio de Janeiro International Arts Festival in 1963, the first Negro Arts Festival in Dakar, Senegal, in 1966, the fabled New Year's Eve performance for the Crown Prince of Morocco in 1978, the Paris Centennial performance at the Grand Palais Theatre in 1989, 2 unprecedented engagements in South Africa in 1997 and 1998, the 1996 and 2002 Olympic Games, the 2005 Stars of the White Nights festival in St. Petersburg, Russia, and the 2006 Les étés de la danse de Paris festival in Paris, France;

Whereas AAADT annually provides more than 100,000 young people from diverse cultural, social, and economic backgrounds with the opportunity to explore their creative potential and build their self-esteem through its Arts in Education and Community Programs, which includes 9 AileyCamps in cities across the United States;

Whereas Ailey II, the junior company to AAADT, reaches more than 69,000 people each year through its inspiring performances and outreach activities while touring to smaller communities in more than 50 North American cities; and

Whereas the Ailey School, accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance, provides the highest quality training consistent with the professional standards of AAADT, including a Certificate Program, a Fellowship Program, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program in conjunction with Fordham University: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and commends the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) for 50 years of service as a cultural ambassador of the United States to the world, by bring-

ing world-class American modern dance to an estimated 21,000,000 people around the globe;

(2) recognizes that AAADT has been a true pioneer in the world of dance by establishing an extended cultural community that provides dance performances, training, and community programs to all people while using the beauty and humanity of the African-American heritage and other cultures to unite people of all ages, races, and backgrounds; and

(3) recognizes that Ailey II, the prestigious Ailey School, and the extensive and innovative Arts in Education and Community Programs of AAADT train future generations of dancers and choreographers while continuing to expose young people from communities large and small to the arts.

SENATE RESOLUTION 491—RECOGNIZING THE NEED AND IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY TO CARRY OUT HURRICANE, COASTAL, AND FLOOD PROTECTION AND HURRICANE AND FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION ACTIVITIES AND RELATED FEATURES IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Mr. VITTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

S. RES. 491

Whereas the restoration of the infrastructure, hurricane, flood protection, ecosystem, and habitat of the State of Louisiana is critical to the United States economy because—

(1) Louisiana is the key to United States energy security, providing nearly 30 percent of the energy required to power the United States economy;

(2) Louisiana provides more than 25 percent of the seafood consumed in the United States;

(3) Louisiana provides the largest port system in the world (having 5 of 15 ports with the most total tonnage of all ports in the United States); and

(4) more than 36 States depend on maritime commerce on waterways in Louisiana to receive goods and services;

Whereas, in 2005, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated Louisiana, causing the death of more than 1,400, the loss of 217 square miles of coastal land and wetlands, and destroyed the integrity and performance of the hurricane protection system;

Whereas in Louisiana Hurricanes Katrina and Rita initially caused the evacuation and displacement of 1,300,000 residents of Louisiana, destroyed more than 200,000 homes, 40 schools, and 10 hospitals, damaged 835 schools, flooded more than 16,000 businesses, caused the loss of 179,000 jobs, and resulted in property losses of more than \$100,000,000,000 in the State;

Whereas Louisiana had a reduction in gross State product of \$7,400,000,000 during the period beginning on the date of occurrence of Hurricane Katrina and ending on June 30, 2006;

Whereas Federal funds are needed, in addition to the fiscal year 2009 budget request of the President, to reduce the risk to the greater New Orleans, Louisiana, area from storm surges to provide at least an updated 100-year protection standard and address associated flood protection needs to meet the President's commitment to complete the Corps of Engineers work necessary for the

updated 100-year protection standard for the greater New Orleans area by the 2011 hurricane season;

Whereas, in accordance with section 7012(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1279), the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate may adopt a resolution to allow for appropriation of additional Federal funds that exceed 25 percent of the authorized level for the activities identified in subsection (a) of that section;

Whereas, the historic cost share for current and future work for the Southeast Louisiana Project is 75 percent Federal and 25 percent non-Federal, in accordance with section 533(d) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 3775), as reconfirmed by Congress in subsequent supplemental legislation related to the 2005 hurricanes; and

Whereas, the historic cost share for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project is 70 percent Federal and 30 percent non-Federal, in accordance with section 204 of the Flood Control Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 1077), as reconfirmed by Congress in subsequent supplemental legislation:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the urgency for Congress to approve additional Federal funds required by the Corps of Engineers by October 1, 2008, to complete hurricane, coastal, and flood protection and hurricane and flood damage reduction activities and related features to meet the President's commitment to complete the Corps of Engineers work necessary for the updated 100-year protection standard for the greater New Orleans area by the 2011 hurricane season; and

(2) finds that, given the significance and consequences of the 2005 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the additional Federal funds to reduce the risk to the greater New Orleans, Louisiana, area from storm surges and to provide at least an updated 100-year protection standard and address associated flood protection needs shall be carried out at full Federal expense.

SENATE RESOLUTION 492—AMENDING THE MAJORITY PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ON THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 110TH CONGRESS

Mr. REID submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 492

Resolved, That Senate Resolution 27 (110th Congress) is amended, effective January 1, 2008, by striking all from "ETHICS:" through "72a-1f" and inserting "ETHICS: Mrs. Boxer (Chairman), Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Salazar"

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider S. 2438, a bill to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to rachel_pasternack@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Rachel Pasternack at (202) 224-0883 or David Brooks at 202-224-9863.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 2259/H.R. 813, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes; H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects; H.R. 716, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan; H.R. 786, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 1140, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes; H.R. 1503, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project; H.R. 1725, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water

District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project; H.R. 1737, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California; and H.R. 2614, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Gina_Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Michael Connor at (202) 224-5479 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224-5684.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

On Thursday, March 13, 2008, the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 70, as amended, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 70

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.

(a) DECLARATION.—Congress declares that this resolution is the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009 and that this resolution sets forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this concurrent resolution is as follows:

Sec. 1. Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009.

TITLE I—RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

Sec. 101. Recommended levels and amounts.
Sec. 102. Social Security.
Sec. 103. Postal Service discretionary administrative expenses.
Sec. 104. Major functional categories.

TITLE II—BUDGET PROCESS

Subtitle A—Direct Spending and Receipts

Sec. 201. Senate point of order against legislation increasing long-term deficits.
Sec. 202. Point of order—20 percent limit on new direct spending in reconciliation legislation.

Subtitle B—Discretionary Spending

Sec. 211. Discretionary spending limits, program integrity initiatives, and other adjustments.
Sec. 212. Point of order against advance appropriations.
Sec. 213. Senate point of order against provisions of appropriations legislation that constitute changes in mandatory programs with net costs.

Sec. 214. Discretionary administrative expenses of the Postal Service.

Subtitle C—Other Provisions

Sec. 221. Application and effect of changes in allocations and aggregates.
Sec. 222. Adjustments to reflect changes in concepts and definitions.
Sec. 223. Debt disclosure requirement.
Sec. 224. Debt disclosures.
Sec. 225. Exercise of rulemaking powers.
Sec. 226. Circuit breaker to protect social security.

TITLE III—RESERVE FUNDS

Sec. 301. Deficit-neutral reserve fund to strengthen and stimulate the American economy and provide economic relief to American families.
Sec. 302. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for improving education.
Sec. 303. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for investments in America's infrastructure.
Sec. 304. Deficit-neutral reserve fund to invest in clean energy, preserve the environment, and provide for certain settlements.
Sec. 305. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for America's veterans and wounded servicemembers and for a post 9/11 GI bill.
Sec. 306. Deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve America's health.
Sec. 307. Sense of the Senate regarding Medicaid administrative regulations.
Sec. 308. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for judicial pay and judgeships.
Sec. 309. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for reforming the alternative minimum tax for individuals.
Sec. 310. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for repealing the 1993 increase in the income tax on social security benefits.
Sec. 311. Deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve energy efficiency and production.
Sec. 312. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for immigration reform and enforcement.
Sec. 313. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for border security, immigration enforcement, and criminal alien removal programs.
Sec. 314. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for science parks.
Sec. 315. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for 3-year extension of pilot program for national and state background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.
Sec. 316. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for studying the effect of cooperation with local law enforcement.
Sec. 317. Deficit-neutral reserve fund to terminate deductions from mineral revenue payments to States.
Sec. 318. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for the establishment of State Internet sites for the disclosure of information relating to payments made under the State Medicaid program.
Sec. 319. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for traumatic brain injury.
Sec. 320. Deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve animal health and disease program.
Sec. 321. Deficit-neutral reserve fund for implementation of Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program for members of the National Guard and Reserve.